

In the claims

44. (Currently Amended) A method for operating wireless devices in vehicles comprising:

monitoring a relationship between a wireless device and a vehicle by evaluating geographical location information that specifies a geographical location of the wireless device, that specifies a geographical location of the vehicle, and that is generated by a location system to determine the relationship by comparing the geographical location of the wireless device to the geographical location of the vehicle; and

enabling operation of the wireless device in a hands-free mode if the relationship satisfies a condition.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the relationship indicates that the wireless device is located within the vehicle.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 44, further comprises measuring a signal strength transmitted by the wireless device by a transceiver associated with the vehicle in addition to evaluating the geographical location information.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the wireless device is a wireless telephone.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein the enabling operation of the wireless device in a hands-free mode is performed by the wireless device.

51. (Previously Presented) A method for using a wireless telephone in a vehicle comprising:

determining presence of the wireless telephone within the vehicle by finding a geographic location of the wireless telephone, finding a geographic location of the vehicle, and comparing the geographic location of the wireless telephone to the geographic location of the vehicle; and

enabling a hands-free mode of the wireless telephone if the wireless telephone is present within the vehicle.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the determining is performed by a geonavigational positioning system.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Cancelled)

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 51, wherein the enabling is performed by a microprocessor that controls the wireless telephone.

56. (Currently Amended) A system for operating wireless devices in vehicles comprising:

means for determining a positional relationship between a wireless device

and a vehicle by generating position data for the wireless device and generating position data for the vehicle and by comparing the position data for the wireless device to the position data for the vehicle;

means for defining a condition based on the positional relationship for enabling a hands-free mode; and

means for enabling the wireless device to operate in the hands-free mode where the positional relationship of the wireless device being in the vehicle is satisfied.

57. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 56, wherein the determining means comprises a wireless communication network location system.

58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 56, wherein the determining means comprises a GPS receiver in the wireless device and a GPS receiver in the vehicle.

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 56, wherein the wireless device is a wireless telephone.